

# Life+Style

Fall  
September 2023

La Siena  
Newsletter



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# August

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# Community Happenings

September



## 100 + Birthday Bash 3-4P, Pub

We are honored to have three centenarians at La Siena, which includes a resident who has just turned 102. We'll toast our centenarians and ask our nifty-ninety-year-olds to share the biggest changes they've seen over the past 9 decades. Peter Davis will provide a musical background and light appetizers will be served.



## Phoenix Art Museum Presents: The Genesis of Modern Art, 10:30, Theater

When many of us look at modern art, we are often confused and frustrated. However, modern art can also be beautiful and challenging. It forces us to think about things we may not have been inclined to consider. Join in this visual journey from the time the first French artists in the 19th century challenged artistic conventions to the art of today.



## Sock Hop with Come Back Buddy, 3-4P, Fitness & Dance

Transcend time with music from the 50's! Come Back Buddy is a 4 piece rock 'n' roll band inspired by the legendary "Buddy Holly and the Crickets." The group's repertoire includes the music of many artists from the '50s era including Elvis Presley, Chuck Berry, Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, Ricky Nelson & of course, Buddy Holly.



## Fashion Show with J. Jill 1-2P, Grand Canal

JJILL knows it's not the outfit that makes the woman, it's the woman that makes the outfit. We are SO excited to see the ladies of La Siena strut their stuff on the runway modeling the new fall collection from J Jill.



## You be the Judge @ 1-2P, Theater

This program is known to Spark lively discussions with real-life events that landed in a court of law. The stories in "You Be the Judge" are brief and easy to follow. Each story presents the facts of the case, asks a question to decide, gives the outcome, and includes questions for discussion. You become the judge and the jury in deciding each case. There are no right or wrong answers.







## The Art & Science of WellBeing **Zest. For Life.**

### National Healthy Aging Month

Healthy Aging Month is recognized as a time to celebrate life and the positive aspects of growing older. As we age, we become aware that our physical and mental health, as well as dietary and social needs, change over time. However, that doesn't mean you've lost control. You can take charge of your well-being, by taking steps to age with a healthy body and a healthy mind.

1. **Get Moving** It is important to consult your doctor before exercising. Start slow, know your limitations and modify activities if needed. Adults should aim for at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity each week. Beginning physical activity can be as easy as walking for ten to fifteen minutes for three to four days per week and increasing as you go. Maintaining regular physical activity can help maintain a healthy weight, lower blood pressure, blood cholesterol, and blood sugar levels. Make your physical activity FUN and something you enjoy doing!
2. **Maintain a Healthy Diet** Eat proper portion sizes. Overeating can lead to obesity and increase the risk of diabetes and heart disease. Eat a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables and have them make up half of your plate. Avoid excess processed foods. Stay hydrated—adults should drink between 10–16 cups of water per day, depended on gender, living environment, and activity level.
3. **Stay Social** Try something new by attending online or socially distant in-person classes that interest you. Use technology like Zoom or Facetime to stay in touch with friends and family.
4. **Balance your body and mind** Keep a positive attitude. Keep your mind active by reading or doing puzzles. Keep your body active through stretches and yoga.
5. **Be proactive** Receive regular checkups, physicals and medical tests when needed as many diseases can be prevented when caught early. Don't forget appointments with the dentist and optometrist too. Take vitamins, supplements and medications as prescribed.



Mind



Body



Soul

Connecting with your *Mind, Body & Soul* promotes physical, cognitive and emotional well-being. SRG communities embody the power of Mind, Body, and Soul connectivity through the array of holistic Zest activities offered daily.





# Mind

## Mindful Meditation with Zest

Meditation has its roots in ancient Eastern traditions, particularly in Hinduism and Buddhism. It was initially practiced as a means to attain spiritual enlightenment and connect with the divine. Over time, meditation spread to different cultures and evolved into various forms, each with its own unique techniques and goals. *Mindfulness Meditation* is a form of meditation involves focusing one's attention on the present moment, observing thoughts and sensations without judgment. It cultivates a state of heightened awareness and helps individuals develop a non-reactive and accepting attitude towards their experiences. Meditation is a powerful practice that offers numerous benefits for the mind, body, and spirit. Whether you choose mindfulness or another form of meditation incorporating meditation into your daily routine can bring about a sense of inner peace, improved mental health, and overall well-being.

Check on Lifeloop or with your Zest team for meditation offerings in your community!





# Body

*Pilates* is a versatile exercise method that offers numerous benefits for individuals of all fitness levels. With its focus on core strength, flexibility, and body awareness, Pilates can improve overall physical and mental well-being.

Whether practiced on a mat in a chair, Pilates provides a comprehensive workout that can be adapted to suit individual needs and goals. So, why not give Pilates a try and experience the transformative effects it can have on your body and mind?



This month try our *ZestFit Core Connection* class to help improve core strength, flexibility, improve balance and reduce risk of injury! *Core Connection* is a *ZestFit Program* designed specifically for you by fitness experts. This class will use a variety of tools such as Pilates balls, yoga blocks, and resistance bands to challenge your body and focus your mind-body connection.



# Food for Your Gut

Pre & Probiotics are the key to a balanced gut. And gut health is shaping up to be the next super big breakthrough health frontier, impacting everything from cognitive health and digestion to heart disease and immune system health. Run, do not walk, to gather up these ingredients to experience real change in your sense of health and wellbeing.



## Prebiotics

Prebiotics are ingredients that feed the beneficial microflora in your gut. You can have good bacteria, provided by probiotic rich foods, but you have to feed them too. Prebiotics are fibers that humans cannot digest, but are actually fibers your bacteria feed on. Feeding your bacteria enables them to produce compounds called Short Chain Fatty Acids. These include butyrate which is actually fuel for the cells that line your gut. Pretty important as these are a major part of your immune systems, creating a barrier between the outside world (your gut), and your inner world (blood, cells, tissues). Prebiotic rich ingredients in this recipe pack include asparagus, leeks, banana and edamame to name a few!



## Probiotics

Probiotics are foods that are rich in (we like to say teaming with) the type of good bacteria your gut needs. They included yogurt, kefir, miso and soy, tempeh and tofu, kombucha, sauerkraut, kimchi and more. All of these foods are created through a fermentation process that allows beneficial bacteria to proliferate. We like to say that we "seed" the gut with probiotic bacteria. We then "feed" these bacteria with prebiotic rich foods. So take a look at the recipes in this pack and pair them with our Prebiotic recipe pack. Then you have the perfect formula for your gut. Now, if you have had any gut issues, or are not used to these fermented foods go easy on them at first. Sometimes it takes a little while to get used to them. But trust me, you need them to thrive!





## Centenarian Celebration

We are privileged to live in a time of history during which many people are able to reach the age of 100 and beyond. In fact, there are estimates that indicate that there are over 570,000 centenarians in the world which is truly an astonishing number. In the United States we observe this unique day annually on

September 22 which happens to fall on Friday this year. On this day in our SRG communities we celebrate and honor those who have reached the age of 100 and use this day to recognize the rich history and wisdom of our residents. This is a wonderful time to listen to life stories, gather up photographs, and learn from those that have a unique view of the world.



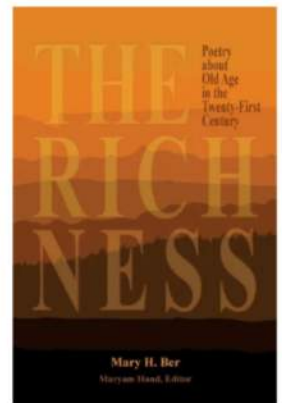


## The Richness Virtual Book Discussion



Mary H. Ber, M.A. has been writing poetry since she learned to write at age seven. A classroom teacher of literature and writing for over fifty years, she has also created literary magazines and assisted her students in getting published, thereby helping people bring themselves to voice. She is co-founder of award-winning Moon Journal Press and its editor for thirteen years. Now she lives in a senior retirement home in Tucson, Arizona, where she has been facilitating writing and discussion groups.

The Richness: Poetry about Old Age in the Twenty-First Century is an exploration of both the positive and negative experience of old age, focusing on the often unappreciated perks. The 83-year-old author has written her experiences in easy-to-access poetry. The book is divided into six sections: "Coming Into Old Age," "Moving into the Residential Retirement Home," "Walking through Old Age," "Deepening Spirituality," "Completing Old Age," and "A Note to Caregivers." The first five sections of the book may be read as a simple collection of poems or a kind of poetic autobiography of the author's journey through this stage of her life. The author wrote the poems as she lived them.



**Check LifeLoop for September book club dates featuring a zoom guest appearance by Mary Ber discussing her book, "The Richness" and reading her poetry.**

## The Zest Test

Zest and EmpowerMe are teaming up to bring you "The Zest Test"! The Zest Test is a benchmark cognitive and strength test designed by EmpowerMe with the help of Zest fitness professionals to help identify baseline fitness scores for our residents.

Using a benchmark testing tool is great for identifying areas of opportunity for people to gain strength, balance, and flexibility and decrease fall or injury risk.

Check LifeLoop or with your Zest team for available testing dates!



# National Fitness Day - September 25th

National Fitness Day is an annual event celebrated on the last Wednesday of September in many countries around the world. It aims to promote the importance of physical activity and inspire individuals to lead healthier and more active lifestyles. It's important to celebrate our physical activity because of the multitude of benefits it provides. Regular physical activity is crucial for maintaining good health and well-being. It has numerous benefits, including: improved physical health, mental well-being, weight management, increased energy levels, and provides social interaction. You can celebrate National Fitness day by joining one of the many physical fitness classes provided on your Zest Calendar or by setting personal fitness goals and committing to a regular exercise routine.

## Ways to Celebrate National Fitness Day

1. Try a new fitness class: Step out of your comfort zone and try something new. ZestFit offers new fitness classes monthly!
2. Try a fitness challenge with your friends: something as simple as a step challenge or workout challenge can be a fun way to motivate each other!
3. Create a playlist for your exercise routine: nothing compliments a good work out like the perfect music to keep you motivated.
4. Take your workout outdoors: keep the environment fresh and change up your workout scene.
5. Set personal fitness goals: Take this opportunity to set some or reevaluate your personal fitness goals.
6. Have a FreshZest meal: Try something new with out healthy FreshZest menu options!
7. Treat yourself to a wellness day: Take the day and indulge in a day focused on you and your wellness! Schedule in an exercise class or a fitness appointment, make time for a well balanced meal, maybe even treat yourself to a haircut, a pedicure, or a massage!



# Resident Birthdays

*Happy Birthday  
to you*

**Joan W. - 1st**

**Marilyn B. - 2nd**

**Barbara L. - 3rd**

**William "Bill" S. - 3rd**

**Newell "Webb" T. - 4th**

**Nancy W. - 7th**

**Richard N. - 10th**

**Sam T. - 12th**

**Don G. - 13th**

**Carolyn S. - 14th**

**Wanda S. - 15th**

**Barbara G. - 17th**

**Mike U. - 18th**

**Marion "Pat" F. - 20th**

**Eleanor M. - 22nd**

**William "Bill" S. - 24th**

**Dolores D. - 26th**





# A word from our Executive Director

*September is the month of Grandparents Day. My grandparents have lived out of state for the last 15 years so I didn't always get to spend one on one time with them. When I speak with my grandparents now I try to make sure that I learn something about them and their story. I challenge you all to share something unique about yourselves next time you speak with your family and loved ones! You have done so much that they might never know.*



## Staff Directory

Jonathan Burningham, Executive Director

Stephanie Wilson, Director of Sales

Pawi Shenkoru LPN, Director of Assisted living

Celeste Sheeley, Executive Chef

Victor Alvarado, Dining Manager

Deborah Wahl, Zest Director

Carlos Verdin, Maintenance Director

Ramona Valdez, Housekeeping Director

Elaine Brown, Business Manager

Theresa Tsaninos, HR Coordinator

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